

**TELECONFERENCE  
OPTOMETRY EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Swaminat Balachandran , Ann Meier Carli, Linda Foley, Gregory Foster, Richard Wright, Kathi Leach

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Ryan, Bureau Director; Ruby Jefferson-Moore, Legal Counsel; Rebecca McAtee, minute taker, and other DRL Staff.

**GUESTS:** Peter Theo, WOA; Charles Brownlow, OD, WI OD

**CALL TO ORDER**

Gregory Foster, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum of six (6) members was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Amendments:**

- Remove CE Review Committee Appointees, already addressed by the Board.

**MOTION:** Swaminat Balachandran moved, seconded by Ann Meier Carli, to approve the September 17, 2009 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2009**

**Amendments:**

- Pg 2 under ARBO Joint Board Certification Project "...from a public protection standpoint..."

**MOTION:** Swaminat Balachandran moved, seconded by Ann Meier Carli, to approve the minutes of June 11, 2009 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2010**

**MOTION:** Ann Meier Carli moved, seconded by Kathi Leach, to nominate Gregory Foster as Board Chair. Gregory Foster was elected by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Kathi Leach moved, seconded by Ann Meier Carli, to nominate Richard Wright as Vice Chair. Richard Wright was elected by unanimous vote.

**MOTION:** Richard Wright moved, seconded by Linda Foley, to nominate Kathi Leach as Secretary. Kathi Leach was elected by unanimous vote.

<b>2010 ELECTION RESULTS</b>	
Board Chair	Gregory Foster
Vice Chair	Richard Wright
Secretary	Kathi Leach

## **BOARD ASSIGNMENTS**

**MOTION:** Richard Wright moved, seconded by Swaminat Balachandran , to keep committee appointments for 2010 the same as the 2009 appoinments. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Statutes & Rules Committee:**

- Gregory Foster
- Ann Meier Carli
- Swaminat Balachandran

### **Screening Panel Committee:**

- Richard Wright
- Linda Foley
- Swaminat Balachandran

### **CE Review:**

- Richard Wright
- Kathi Leach

### **Credentialing Liaison:**

- Ann Meier Carli

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Tom Ryan presented information regarding the practice question project that is being undertaken by the interns as a part of the larger DRL website redesign. Board Chair training will be held December 3-4 in an effort to give board chairs and vice chairs some training before their appointments begin in 2010. Tom Ryan also mentioned Case Advisor training as offered by the DRL and the benefits of this training.

### **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS THAT MAY BE SIGNED AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA**

None.

### **ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY BOARDS OF OPTOMETRY (ARBO) ANNUAL MEETING REPORT – GREG FOSTER**

Gregory Foster reported on the ARBO meeting, noting that three (3) resolutions came out of the meeting, with two (2) of these relating directly to the board certification issues. One concern raised by ARBO is that continuing competency should remain within state boards, rather than being a function of the newly proposed American Board of Optometry (ABO). ARBO also requested equitable representation in the ABO, as they are currently only allocated one seat at the table compared to AOA's two seats. The last resolution related to the endorsement of COPE standards regarding continuing education sponsored by commercial and corporate interests.

The National Board of Examiners reported on the new revisions that are now being enforced for the 3-part national board exam. Part one is applied basic science, part two is Patient Assessment and Management (PAM), and part three is the clinical skills exam.

### **ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY BOARDS OF OPTOMETRY (ARBO) COUNCIL ON OPTOMETRIC PRACTITIONER EDUCATION (COPE) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF COURSE REVIEWERS**

The Board discussed how to address requests from ARBO for approval of COPE course reviewers. Currently the Board is only able to verify that the individual is licensed in the state and that they are in good standing. The Board has requested this item to be added to the next agenda for further discussion and so that more information about how other states handle endorsement of reviewers can be gathered.

The Board is approving the two current requests pending verification of licensure and that there is no disciplinary action against them. Tom Ryan will be responding to ARBO.

*Swaminat Balachandran left meeting at 9:57 a.m.*

**AMERICAN OPTOMETRY ASSOCIATION (AOA) BOARD CERTIFICATION  
PROPOSAL – DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed the AOA Board certification proposal, modifications that were made to it and CE implications.

*Swaminat Balachandran rejoined meeting at 10:05 a.m.*

**PRACTICE QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Peter Theo addressed the Board in regard to Board Certification. The Wisconsin Optometry Association (WOA) cast their vote against Board Certification at the AOA House of Delegates meeting in June. Mr. Theo also discussed WOA standing on COPE and OE Tracker. Concerns with OE Tracker relate to deal with the requirement of social security numbers and costs to doctors. WOA is continuing to pursue legislation on medicated contact lenses and once a draft is completed, Peter Theo will be sending to the Board for review.

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Swaminat Balachandran moved, seconded by Kathi Leach, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(a)(b)(f) and (g), to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.; consider closing disciplinary investigation with administrative warning (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats. and 440.205, Stats., to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85 (1)(f), Stats.; and, to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Roll Call Vote: Swaminat Balachandran – yes; Ann Meier Carli – yes; Linda Foley – yes; Gregory Foster – yes; Richard Wright – yes; Kathi Leach- yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 10:30 a.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Richard Wright moved, seconded by Swaminat Balachandran, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

**VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION IF VOTING IS APPROPRIATE.**

**SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS REQUEST FOR ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION  
J.G.**

**MOTION:** Richard Wright moved, seconded by Linda Foley, to authorize Ann Meier Carli to approve the request for special accommodations for online continuing education in the matter of J.G. contingent on receiving an updated letter from the respondent's physician attesting to his medical status and the respondent providing clarification on whether this is a request for complete or partial waiver of CE credits and in which biennium. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Kathi Leach moved, seconded by Ann Meier Carli, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.